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SUBJECT: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF LIGHTER THAN  
AIR (LTA) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION CONCERNING

PASS TO DAVE SIEGEL (CODE 200).

INFORMATION RECENTLY OBTAINED FROM MR. IINUMA OF THE JAPAN  
BOUYANT FLIGHT ASSOCIATION AND CONFIRMED IN RECENT NEWS  
ARTICLES IN THREE JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS, THE NIHON KOGYO  
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SHIMBUN (17 MAY 1978), THE NIKKAN KOGYO SHIMBUN AND  
ASAHI SHIMBUN (29 MAY 1978) INDICATE THAT THE JAPANESE  
GOVERNMENT IS MOVING TO SUPPORT LIGHTER THAN AIR DEVELOP-  
MENT WITH A NEW BUDGET ELEMENT. THE BUDGET ELEMENT IS  
CURRENTLY BEING REQUESTED BY THE AGENCY FOR INDUSTRIAL  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES EXPECT  
FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST. THE NEW

BUDGET ELEMENT IS TO COVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM 1 MAY 1979 THROUGH 30 APRIL 1984 AND IS TO TOTAL BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN BILLION YEN (ABOUT 23 TO 46 MILLION DOLLARS AT CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE). IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS BUDGET WILL SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR BOTH HEAVY PAYLOAD LTA AND ALSO LTA WITH SMALLER PAYLOADS FOR UTILITY TYPE, SHORT HAUL TRANSPORT. THIS IMPORTANT STEP IN THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF LTA DEMONSTRATES THAT PREVIOUS ONR CODE 211 INTEREST IN JAPANESE LTA HAS BEEN VERY FOR SIGHTED. IT ALSO MAKES THE INVITATION WHICH IIMUMA AND JBFA HAVE OFFERED, FOR JOINT MEETINGS WITH AN ONR SPONSORED TEAM OF US LTA EXPERTS, MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE. ONR TOKYO SENDS.

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